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PROTECT THE WEIGHING OBJECT )

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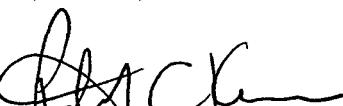
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These documents were cited in a European Search Report received in connection with what is believed to be a foreign counterpart application to the present application. A copy of the European Search Report dated June 25, 2003 is enclosed.

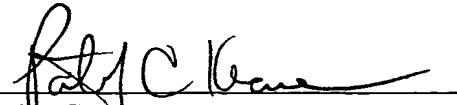
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